

## **Weekly Status & Information Report: February 13 - 17, 2012**

### **1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of February 20, 2012:**

- City Council meeting, Tuesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium (closed session vote at 7:00 p.m.; public meeting reconvenes at 7:30 p.m.)

- Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee meeting, Tuesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room)

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact JessieC@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

**2. Presidents Day Building Closures - City offices are closed Monday, February 20 for Presidents Day:** The Takoma Park Community Center and Computer Center will be closed Saturday through Monday. The Takoma Park Recreation Center will be closed Saturday through Monday as well, although two scheduled programs will be held on Saturday at the facility. The Takoma Park Library will be open regular hours on Saturday, but will be closed on Monday. The Police Department is always open. *(Deputy City Manager)*

**3. Special Library Program:** Join us next Thursday, February 23, at 7:30 p.m. for a special appearance by graphic novelist Nate Powell, who will discuss his new civil-rights based book, "The Silence of Our Friends." This program is best for teens and adults. Registration is not required, but is encouraged. *(Library)*

**4. Invitation to Apply for Home Repairs – Mission Serve Housing Project:** Takoma Park is collaborating with Mission Serve, a non-profit organization, to assist in the rehabilitation of owner-occupied homes this summer. Projects are developed in partnership with the homeowner and range from roof repairs and accessibility improvements to painting and the removal of overgrowth and debris. The work is done by volunteers under the supervision of qualified construction staff and at no cost to the homeowner. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds have been allocated for this effort and as such, participation in the program is limited to income eligible households (1 person \$49,200; 2 person \$56,200, etc). We anticipate assisting 20-25 homeowners in this effort. Application deadline is February 29. Call 301-891-7222 for an application and further information. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**5. Three Year Indefinite Quantities Sidewalk and Streetscape Construction Contract:** The Bid Opening for the Three Year Indefinite Quantities Sidewalk and Streetscape Construction Contract will take place at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 23 in the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park. Bids or amendments received after the specified Bid Opening time will not be considered. For more information, contact Nima Upadhyay at (301) 891-7219 or nimau@takomagov.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**6. February 29 - New Ave Social:** Save the Date for the next New Ave Social, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 29, at Tiffin Indian Kitchen, 1341 University Boulevard. Meet your neighbors, chat about City initiatives on the New Ave, and sample tasty treats from India. Snacks are on us, conversation is on you! <http://thenewave.com/do/new-ave-social4>. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**7. Need to Know More About Tenant Rights?:** The Takoma Park landlord-tenant staff will be sponsoring a free class on Wednesday, March 14 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Learn more about your rights regarding security deposits, entry into your rental unit, notices to vacate, repairs to your unit and more. Pre-registration is requested by calling 301-891-7215. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**8. Need a Tenant Association in Your Building?:** We can help! Call 301-891-7222 to find out more about our Tenant Capacity Building program. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**9. New Façade Easement Program:** The City of Takoma Park is pleased to introduce the Façade Easement Program, which provides matching funds to business and property owners for physical improvements to building exteriors and their surroundings. The downloadable application document outlines the eligible areas in the city and types of improvements covered in the program: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/documents/newsfeed/2012%20Facade%20Easement%20Application%20&%20Map.pdf>. The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2012. An information session will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 28 in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. For more information, contact Erkin Ozberk at (301) 891-7213 or ErkinO@takomagov.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**10. Community Weighs in on New Ave Streetscape Standards:** Last Wednesday night (February 15), City Staff and design consultants held the second meeting on the New Ave Streetscape Standards project at the Community Center Auditorium. At the well-attended event, residents from the New Hampshire Avenue corridor weighed in on future streetscape components being designed for the New Ave. Community members are encouraged to contribute comments on the look and feel of prospective streetscape components (benches, bike racks, planter boxes, etc.). Share your thoughts for the New Ave Streetscape Standards at <http://www.thenewave.com/development/projects/streetscape-standards>. *(Housing and Community Development)*

### **11. Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye):**

- On February 13, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye conducted business checks in the 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue, 1100-1300 blocks of University Boulevard, 900 Merrimac Drive, and 7000 block of Carroll Avenue, 6900 block of Laurel Avenue and 8600 block of Flower Avenue.

- On February 14, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye conducted a presentation at the PTA meeting at Takoma Park

Middle School; topics included general safety, gangs, technology/social media and the importance of the parents' roles in their children's lives.

- On February 15, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye conducted morning business checks on New Hampshire Avenue, University Boulevard, and Carroll Avenue. She was interviewed by a University of Maryland (UMD) journalism student for a class paper on crime prevention and safety within Takoma Park.

- On February 16, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye assisted with defensive tactics training. She conducted a first meeting for the Citizen's Police Academy alumni group with guest speaker, Sgt. Poole of the Emergency Response Team (ERT).  
(Police)

12. **Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (February 10-16, 2012) may be viewed online at: [http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/02/takoma-park-police-department-weekly\\_17.html](http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/02/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_17.html). (Police)

13. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 104 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, four vehicle impounds, one warrant service arrests from traffic, and Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrest from traffic.

***During February 10-14, 2012, the following details were completed:***

February 10, 2012

- Flower Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) – conducted a 60-minute detail and issued six State citations.

February 13, 2012

- Flower Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) – conducted a 60-minute detail and issued six State citations.

February 14, 2012

- Flower Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) – conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations and one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO).

(Police)

14. **Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes):**

*Week of February 3-9, 2012*

State Citations issued: 39

City: 7

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 2

Warnings: 1

Warrant Service: 1

(Police)